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San Francisco
Sept 20th 1857

My dear Sir

I have delayed answer-
ing your last letter until now, in
consequence of being some distance
in the interior of the States at the
time of the departure of the mail
for the States, next succeeding the
receipt of your letter. I commenced
writing for the last mail, but was
interrupted, & finally compelled to
abandon it, in order to prepare some
legal papers of importance, to be
sent to Mexico by the same steamer.

I am glad to learn that
the Japanese articles, & the watch
arrived safely, & that they gave a
pleasure to the children.

My partner Gov DeLaTorre gave me
the first information of your probable
appointment as Minister to Belgium.

I was gratified to learn it, & especially
the attending circumstances, which
are highly complimentary to you, & should
render the appointment particularly accept-
able. I suppose however you are still in
uncertainty as to it, as I see by the last
news from the States that Mr Buchanan
does not intend making any foreign
appointments before the meeting of
Congress.

You mention that you feel some an-
guish about the condition of things
in this State, & hope that your affairs
under my control have not suffered.
I do not know from what cause your
apprehension may arise, but I assure
you I have never known here, or throughout
the State, a safer or more wholesome state
of things, than now exists. The chief cause
of insecurity & lack of prosperity generally
in this State heretofore, may be traced
more or less directly to the uncertainty of
land titles: in two thirds of the cases
the United States have already confirmed

ed to the Claimant his title, & in these
cases have in reality settled every principle
upon which the remainder must be
finally determined, added to this the
result of the late State elections have
given proof of a spirit of conservatism not
only highly creditable to any community, but
beyond the expectations of the most confident,
the emigration across the Plains is already
shown to be greater this, than any year
since 1852, which the establishment of
the wagon road and mail facilities
with the provision made for the protection
of the routes by the last Congress, will in
the future years largely augment,
no one here can mistake these strong
evidences of permanency & prosperity, indeed
it is clear to every one that confidence
is established in every branch of investment,
one of the indications of this is to be found
in the diminished shipment of gold
and silver although the production greatly
increased, it would be difficult to satisfy
yourself of this, but no one here

think of doubting it. - I have not
thought before to enquire about the
guns you ordered from Belgium when
I was in the States last. I presume they
never came, by your not mentioning
them in any of your letters, If one has
come for me, I should like to have it,
the one I brought out with me, is highly
prized here, You stated in one of your
letters some time ago that there was some
money in Mr Bracci's hands from the sales
of Father's works, but did not say what
the amount due each of the family was,
you requested to know what should be
done with my portion, - It has not occurred
to me before, that I have never answered
that part of your letter, If the amount
be worthy of it, you may remit it to me,

I was deeply grieved to learn the death
of poor Sister. It was altogether unexpected
to me, & from the accounts which I have
received, must have been very sudden
every one who knew her must have

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loved her for her estimable
character, & share our affliction
at her loss. The deaths of my near
relatives fill me with many melan-
cholly thoughts.

Give my love to Sister Anna &
the Children.

Yrs affectionately
J. E. Althorn

Mrs G. L. Emerson Esq
Madisonborough -
Vt.

Sept. 20th 1857

San Francisco

J. E. Calhoun

